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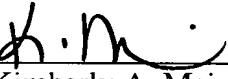
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of)
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Application No. Unassigned) Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: March 31, 2000) Docket No.: AND1P051F
For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF)
MANUFACTURE FOR CUSTOMIZING AN)
ELECTRONIC INTERFACE TO THE GOVERNMENT) Date: March 31, 2000
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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The following preliminary amendment is for a continuation of co-pending application serial number 09/258,714 filed on February 26, 1999.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, lines 1-2, please delete "A SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR AN ELECTRONIC COMMERCE INTERFACE TO THE GOVERNMENT" and insert --SYSTEM, METHOD, AND ARTICLE OF